

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Q1 Cont D1
(b) receiving a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server devices from the server devices by the client device and displaying the change in the operation state of a specific server device on a screen thereof.

Please add the following new claim:

Q2 Sub D2
6. A method for a server device to communicate with a client device in a network where various digital devices connected to the network operate as the client or as servers, said various digital devices having a protocol layer which is the same as an internet protocol stack on an upper network communication layer, the method comprising the steps of:
transmitting a re-determined signal for indicating changes in the operation states of the server device to the client device when the server device performs a predetermined operation and stops the operation or performs another operation.

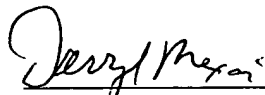
REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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